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MUNICIPAL AND ROAD CESS COMMITTEES

OF

BALASORE.



REMARKS MADE BY

T. E. RAVENSHAW, Esq.,

COMMISSIONER OF ORISSA.

The 4th January, 1874.

I find the arrangements in Baboo Boikunthnath De's office very complete and satisfactory. He appears to give very creditable and intelligent attention to the work, and he has disposed of a very large number of petty cases. The last quarter shows no less than 112 cases as decided. It is very encouraging to find a Native gentleman thus devoting himself to public duty.

EXTRACT FROM THE

Magistrate's Criminal Report

OF THE

BALASORE DISTRICT,

For the year ending 1873.

No. 2887, dated the 12th February, 1874.

The Honorary Magistrates, Babus * * * * * and Baikunthanath De are very careful in their proceedings, and their records are prepared with much industry. If I have any fault to find, it is that a certain timidity in inflicting adequate punishments is sometimes evinced. I ascribe the extraordinary paucity of appeals from their sentences partly to this cause, and partly to the fact that undeserved punishments are never inflicted.

REMARKS BY THE

Hon'ble Sir Richard Temple, K.C.S.I.,

Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Dated the 17th November, 1874.

I had the pleasure to look at some of the files of cases decided by the Honorary Magistrate, Baboo Baikunthanath De, at his office.

It appears to me that the Baboo has attained a creditable degree of proficiency in his work, and that the record of his cases is very satisfactory.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM

T. NORMAN, Esq.,

COLLECTOR OF BALASORE,

TO THE

Commissioner of the Orissa Division.

No. 39-T, dated the 3rd January, 1875.



His (Raja Shyamanundo De's) son is an exemplary Honorary Magistrate, and has rendered me really useful assistance during the recent pressure caused by the withdrawal of judicial officers on famine duty. The latter is also the leading gentleman in Balasore in works of public enterprise. For example, he has established an excellent press for printing both in English and Uriya characters, and edits meritorious magazines and newspapers.

EXTRACT FROM THE

Magistrate's Criminal Report

OF THE

BALASORE DISTRICT,

For the year 1874.

No. 91-T, dated the 13th February, 1875.



One Honorary Magistrate is stationed in the Town of Balasore, where he tries petty cases instituted before him or referred to him for trial. During the year 1874 he tried 255 cases, heard 578 witnesses, and convicted 208 persons. These figures are sufficient proof of the material assistance rendered by him to our weakened magisterial staff during the pendency of famine operations.

The Honorary Magistrates, Babus Baikunthanath De, * * * and * * * have continued to perform the duties of their offices in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner.

REMARKS MADE BY

W. MACPHERSON, Esq.,

SESSIONS JUDGE OF KATAK.

Dated the 20th March, 1875.



Visited the office of Baikunthanath De, Honorary Magistrate. He seems to have disposed of a large number of cases, and in those records which came before me the evidence seems to be carefully recorded and the judgment good. The number of cases disposed of is highly creditable to the Baboo.

REMARKS MADE BY

T. NORMAN, Esq.,

MAGISTRATE.

The 16th November, 1875.

I inspected to-day the office of Baboo Boikunthnath De, Honorary Magistrate, Balasore Town.

In 1874 the work was as follows:—

Institutions.	No. of persons appeared.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons discharged and acquitted.	No. of witnesses examined.
362	1,492	208	243	578

In the three first quarters of 1875 the work has been as follows:—

Institutions.	No. of persons appeared.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons acquitted & discharged.	No. of witnesses examined.
159	138	74	60	349

A very fair amount of work has thus been done.

The records are kept neatly and regularly.

The Honorary Magistrate uses his powers with moderation and discretion, and his office is a convenience and an advantage to the administration.

EXTRACT FROM THE

Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor's

RESOLUTION

ON THE

ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONER OF ORISSA,

For the Year 1875—76.

Para. 14.—The Lieutenant-Governor is glad to see that in Orissa all the District Magistrates acknowledge the aid offered by Honorary Magistrates ; the office is said to be popular, and to conduce to the loyalty and cordial co-operation of landed proprietors and Native gentlemen in the administration of justice. The conduct of the zemindars in the Division is generally favourably reported on. The names of Rai Shyamanundo De Bahadur, * * *, Babu Baikunthnath De, * * * are prominently mentioned by the Commissioner. These gentlemen are all described as good and liberal landlords.

EXTRACT FROM THE

HON'BLE THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S RESOLUTION

ON THE

Annual Administration Report

OF THE

COMMISSIONER OF ORISSA,

For the year 1876—77.

Para. 29.—Mr. Eden has much satisfaction in hearing that the Honorary Magistrates have conducted their work well and given great satisfaction. The names of Raja Shyamanundo De, Kumar Baikunthanath De; * * *, * * * * * * are mentioned by the Commissioner for their liberality and public spirit.

CERTIFICATE

PRESENTED TO

BABU BAIKUNTHNATH DE

SON OF

RAI SHYAMANUNDO DE BAHADUR,

IN THE NAME OF

THE EMPRESS OF INDIA.

(Sd.) T. E. RAVENSHAW.

1st January, 1877.



By Command of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General, this certificate is presented in the name of Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, Empress of India. to Baboo Baikunthanath De, son of Rai Shyamanundo De Bahadur, in recognition of his loyalty, great liberality and zeal for the public good, also excellent service as an Honorary Magistrate.

(Sd.) RICHARD TEMPLE.

REMARKS MADE BY

JOHN BEAMES, ESQ.,

MAGISTRATE,

IN THE

BALASORE MUNICIPAL REPORT,

No. 10L. F.

Dated the 12th April, 1877.



The number of meetings attended by the Municipal Commissioners was twelve during the year. Baboo Baikunthanath De, a Commissioner, whose name was noticed last year, continues to display the same enlightened and creditable interest in the working of the Municipality, and to render very great service and assistance to the Committee.

REMARKS

MADE BY

JOHN BEAMES, ESQ.,

OFFG. COMMISSIONER OF ORISSA.

Dated Camp Balasore, the 3rd June, 1877.



Visited the cutcherry of the Honorary Magistrate, Kumar Baikunthanath De. From a return shewing the work done by this gentleman during the past three years, it appears that a very creditable amount of work has been disposed of. I also inspected several records, which show that cases are intelligently and judiciously tried and promptly decided.

The institution of this court is no doubt a great convenience to the inhabitants of the town and suburbs. The registers are neatly and accurately kept. In 62 cases tried during the half-year ending June 1877, 62 persons were summoned, of whom 36 were convicted, and 26 acquitted and discharged. This is a very fair proportion and shows sound judgment.

The Honorary Magistrate is under the apprehension that his office will be abolished in consequence of the establishment of a Bench at Balasore. This is not at all necessary. The Honorary Magistrate will continue to exercise his powers alone as usual, except on Bench days (once a week), when he will sit together with the other Bench Magistrates. The two courts will in no way clash, and seeing what good work the Honorary Magistrate has done for some years past, I could not for an instant contemplate recommending Government to withdraw from him the position he now holds. Such a step would be a disgrace, and this gentleman merits the fullest confidence of the authorities, and is entitled to our cordial thanks and acknowledgments for his public spirit in devoting so much of his time gratuitously to magisterial work.

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EXTRACT FROM THE

HON'BLE THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S RESOLUTION

ON THE

Annual Administration Report

OF THE

Commissioner of Orissa,

For the year 1878-79.



Para. 27.—Several zemindars of the division are favourably mentioned for their liberality and public spirit. In Balasore, Kumar Baikunthanath De, son of Raja Shyamanundo De, generously defrayed the expenses attending the deputation of one of the Native doctors specially employed in the parts of the district affected by the fever epidemic. He has also provided funds for repairing and cleansing the wells along the Grand Trunk Road in his District.

EXTRACT FROM

Dr. LETHBRIDGE'S

INSPECTION REPORT,

Dated the 20th January, 1878.



The Magistrate being absent, Dr. Lethbridge inspected the Municipality in company with the Vice-Chairman Kumar, Baikunthanath De, who, he observes, takes great interest in municipal works, and is a liberal-minded Native gentleman, anxious to do his best to further sanitation.

EXTRACT FROM

THE MAGISTRATE'S

ANNUAL REPORT

ON

THE BALASORE MUNICIPALITY,

No. 26, dated the 1st May, 1878.



Vice-Chairman Kumar Baikunthanath De deserves much credit for the interest taken by him in municipal administration.

REMARKS MADE IN THE

BALASORE MUNICIPAL

Administration Report,

For the year 1878-79.

BY

J. WHITMORE, Esquire,

MAGISTRATE.



It only remains for me to remark that the Vice Chairman, Kumar Baikunthanath De, has rendered most valuable services to the administration of the Municipality, and has, as usual, shown himself most indefatigable in the discharge of his onerous duties as Vice-Chairman.

REMARKS MADE BY

A. Smith, Esquire,

OFFICIATING COMMISSIONER OF ORISSA,

Dated Balasore, the 8th December, 1879.



I have inspected the records of the Honorary Magistrate's office, and fully endorse the high opinion recorded of his services by my predecessor. The work done must be of great service to the community. The Honorary Magistrate is Vice-Chairman of the Municipality, and is vested with the powers of Chairman, which he exercises to the full satisfaction of his official superiors. The taxes are promptly collected, there being no arrears outstanding of the past year, and only three of the first quarter of the current year. During 1878 the Honorary Magistrate tried as many as 383 cases

with 453 persons, and during the current 192 cases with 246 persons. The relief thus given to the magisterial staff must be considerable, and the Honorary Magistrate is entitled to the greatest credit for the zeal and energy with which he labours in the public service.

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REMARKS MADE IN THE

Balasore Municipal

Administration Report

For the year 1879-80.

BY

H. S. BEADON, Esquire,

MAGISTRATE.

The Vice-Chairman has executed his duties to the entire satisfaction of my predecessor Mr. Norman and of myself. He is a public-spirited gentleman who is always ready at personal expense and trouble to assist in improving the town.

REMARKS MADE IN THE

BALASORE MUNICIPAL

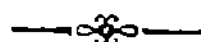
Administration Report

For the year 1879-80.

BY

H. G. COOKE, Esquire,

MAGISTRATE.



I have nothing to add to the report of the Vice-Chairman, Kumar Baikunthnath De. The town is extremely clean and does great credit to that officer.

REMARKS MADE BY

H. S. Beadon, Esquire,

Officiating Magistrate, Balasore,

Dated the 3rd February 1880.



Visited the Honorary Magistrate's Court, and find from his files that he greatly relieved the stipendiary courts during the last two years.

During the last year there has been a great falling off in cases throughout the district, but still the Honorary Magistrate, Kumar Baikunthanath De, has convicted 202 persons out of 274 coming before him. I consider this excellent work, and as far as an office inspection reveals, extremely well done.

REMARKS MADE IN THE

Balasore Municipal

ADMINISTRATION REPORT,

For the year 1880-81,

BY

H. S. BEADON, Esquire,

MAGISTRATE.

The Vice-Chairman, Kumar Baikunthanath De, deserves thanks for the efficient and voluntary service he lends Government and his fellow-townsmen.

No. 496 L. F.,

Commissioner's Office,

ORISSA DIVISION, CUTTACK,

Dated the 17th September 1880.

To

KUMAR BAIKUNTHNATH DE.

SIR,

I beg to inform you that it affords me much pleasure to acknowledge your public spirit and liberality in connection with the sanitary improvement of the town of Balasore, and to say that I fully recognise your services, for which I offer you my cordial thanks.

Believe me,
Sir,
Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) C. T. METCALFE,
Offg. Commissioner.

REMARKS MADE BY

A. Smith, Esquire,

Commissioner of Orissa,

Dated Balasore, the 20th March, 1881.



Visited the office of the Honorary Magistrate, Vice-Chairman of the Balasore Municipality. The Honorary Magistrate continues to do good and useful work, and his books and registers are well kept and up to date. The Kumar deserves great credit for the zeal and energy with which he continues to labour for the public service.

EXTRACT FROM THE

HON'BLE THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S RESOLUTION

ON THE

Annual Administration Report

OF THE

COMMISSIONER OF ORISSA,

For the year 1882-83.



Para. 25.—The Commissioner's observations on this subject are extremely satisfactory, and are here reproduced :—

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Raja Shyamanundo De's son, Kumar Baikunthanath De, continued making himself useful as an Honorary Magistrate and as Vice-Chairman of Municipal and Road Cess Committees.

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The Lieutenant-Governor is gratified to hear so good a report regarding the zemindars of Orissa.

REMARKS MADE BY THE

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ROAD CESS COMMITTEE

IN THE

Annual Report,

For the year 1881-82.



Kumar Baikunthanath De was Vice-Chairman throughout the year, and Baboo S. N. Bose was the Deputy Collector specially charged with the Cess Department. My thanks are due to both gentlemen



REMARKS MADE BY

A. Smith, Esquire,

COMMISSIONER OF ORISSA,

Dated Balasore, the 26th February 1882.



Visited the office of the Honorary Magistrate and Vice-Chairman of the Municipality. The Honorary Magistrate continues to do good work.



REMARKS MADE IN THE

Balasore Municipal ADMINISTRATION REPORT,

For the year 1882-83.

By T. J. C. GRANT, Esq.,

MAGISTRATE.

The only officer to be noticed especially is the Vice-Chairman, Kumar Baikunthanath De. This gentleman is a conspicuous example of the excellent results that can be obtained from the public spirit and the active interest in local prosperity and advance which is so much needed and so rarely found among the upper classes in Orissa.

The Kumar's services to the Municipality (and not only in that direction) are thoroughly real and solidly valuable. His social position and character and his wealth put him in a position to render great services to the public and great assistance to its officers. The Kumar joins the will to the power.

REMARKS MADE BY THE

CHAIRMAN

OF THE

District Road Cess Committee

IN THE

ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE

Year 1882-83.

Kumar Baikunthanath De has served the Department as Vice-Chairman for the whole year. As usual his attention to his self-imposed task has been unremitting and his work excellent. He is invaluable in his post.

REMARKS MADE IN THE

Balasore Municipal ADMINISTRATION REPORT,

FOR THE

Year 1883-84.

By T. J. C. GRANT, Esq.,

MAGISTRATE.

I have nothing to add to the opinion I expressed last year as to the very valuable nature of the gratuitously-rendered services of the Vice-Chairman, the Honourable the Kumar Baikunthanath De. I request that you will kindly refer to those remarks and consider them as repeated. The Kumar has more than continued to deserve the high opinion of the Government and the gratitude of the public. He has given more than ever of his time to the zealous and able discharge of his self-imposed duties. He is eminently a public-spirited gentleman.

REMARKS MADE BY THE

CHAIRMAN

OF THE

District Road Cess Committee

IN THE

ANNUAL REPORT,

For the year 1883-84.

Kumar Baikunthanath De was Vice-Chairman for the greater portion of the year. During his absence at Calcutta as Honourable Member of the Bengal Council, Baboo S. N. Bose acted as *ad-interim* Vice-Chairman for some time, and then Baboo K. P. Mukherjea, until the Kumar came back. As to the Kumar's invaluable services, I have nothing to do but to repeat that he continues to deserve the very high praise which he has hitherto invariably earned, year by year, from a series of Magistrates. The zeal and thoroughness with which he discharges the duties of his self-imposed and unpaid office can hardly be too highly praised.

A

CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE

NATIONAL SOCIETY AND THE RESIDENTS OF BALASORE,

TO THE

Honorable Kumar Baikunthnath De,

ON HIS ELEVATION TO THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF BENGAL,

Dated the 6th April, 1884.

We, on behalf of the Residents of Balasore, appear before you with this token of our heartiest regards for you, and congratulate you on your elevation to the Bengal Council. This is the first time that a representative from Orissa sits in the Bengal Council. All Orissa feels honored in the honor shewn to you.

You have spared no pains to improve the social, intellectual and moral condition of the people by your liberal aid to many public institutions; and by giving pecuniary assistance to many poor boys you have become the chief promoter of education in Orissa.

May you continue to act in this manner, and may your future life be full of glory and honor. We wish you long life and prosperity.

BRAJA KUMAR MITTRA,
Zemindar.
RADHA MADHAB DAS,
Zemindar.
GOBINDA CHUNDRA PATNAIK,
Editor, "Sambad Bahika."
DEBNATH DE,
Honorary Magistrate.
FOKIR MOHAN SENAPATI,
Late Dewan of Dhenkanal.
ABDUR SOBHAN KHAN,
Government Pleader.
SHAM SUNDUR DASS,
Collector's Sheristadar.
AND 40 OTHER GENTLEMEN.

REMARKS MADE BY THE

CHAIRMAN

OF THE

District Road Cess Committee

IN THE

Annual Report,

For the year 1884-85.

Honourable Kumar Baikunthanath De was Vice-Chairman of the Road Cess Committee during the year, except when he went to Calcutta for a few months as an Honourable Member of the Bengal Legislative Council, during which period Baboo Kally Pada Mukherjea acted as Vice-Chairman *ad-interim*.

I have nothing to say further than that the Kumar continues to merit the high character he has earned for himself as Vice-Chairman.